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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO ALASKA BY PETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN

REF: STATE 008923

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING PRIORITY MESSAGE TO JOHN WERNER, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, MACKAY BUILDING, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, FROM DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TANGUY, AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS:

2. PETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF WILLINGNESS OF ALASKAN AUTHORITIES TO ASSIST HIM AND HIS PARTY IN VISITING ANCHORAGE AND IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A DOCUMENTARY FILM TO BE SHOWN ON DUTCH TELEVISION.

3. AMBASSADOR GOULD AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TANGUY MET WITH MR. VAN VOLLENHOVEN JANUARY 17 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF HIS VISIT. HE BROUGHT DUTCH TV PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR WITH HIM SO THAT WE COULD GET INTO THE MAJOR THEMES TO BE COVERED BY FILM AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED AS OUTLINED IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH MR. WARREN WILEY, ASSISTANT TO GOVERNOR EGAN.

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4. IN ORDER TO FIRM UP OR MODIFY HIS TRAVEL PLANS VAN VOLLENHOVEN NEEDS TO KNOW WITHOUT DELAY THE DATES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DOG-SLED CHAMPIONSHIP AND ANY OTHER RELATED EVENTS WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO HIM (HE PLANS TO BRING HIS OWN MALE HUSKY). VAN VOLLENHOVEN PLANS TO FLY TO ANCHORAGE BY KLM ON FEBRUARY 13 OR 14 LEAVING TO RETURN TO THE NETHERLANDS ON FEBRUARY 21. HE IS PREPARED TO CHANGE THESE DATES IF REQUIRED BY THE DATES OF THE HUSKY COMPETITIVE EVENTS.

5. VAN VOLLENHOVEN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIS WIFE, PRINCESS MARGRIET, JOIN HIM ON FEBRUARY 17 AND LEAVE WITH HIM ON FEBRUARY 21. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE NETHERLANDS ROYAL FAMILY AND THIS SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND BY ALASKAN AUTHORITIES IN ASSISTING WITH ARRANGEMENTS EVEN THOUGH THEIR VISIT WILL BE PRIVATE AND UNOFFICIAL.

6. MR. VAN VOLLENHOVEN WILL WRITE YOU WITHIN A FEW DAYS, AS SUGGESTED BY MR. WILEY, WITH FULL DETAILS OF HIS PLANS AND MATTERS ON WHICH HE WOULD APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF ALASKAN AUTHORITIES. AMBASSADOR WILL SUPPORT THE PROJECT IN LETTER TO GOVERNOR EGAN AND SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MORTON. IN THE MEANWHILE IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM ME AT THE EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE OF THE DATES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SLED-DOG CHAMPIONSHIP AND RELATED EVENTS SO THAT MR. VAN VOLLENHOVEN CAN FIRM UP HIS RESERVATIONS ACCORDINGLY. MANY THANKS. GOULD

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

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